



Virginia Aviation Board Meeting Minutes OCTOBER 23, 2002

MINUTES OF THE VIRGINIA AVIATION BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 23, 2002, 9:00 A.M.
THE WYNDHAM HOTEL, 4700 SOUTH LABURNUM AVENUE, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23231.

MEMBERS PRESENT

George P. Ramsey, III, Chairman
John G. Dankos, Jr.
John V. Mazza, Jr.
Robert H. Neitz
Bob L. Johnson
William J. Kehoe
Emmitt Yeary
Roger L. Oberndorf

OTHERS PRESENT

The Honorable Ralph Davis, Deputy Secretary of Transportation

Airport Managers, Sponsors, Consultants, Engineers, State Government Representatives, Business Owners, City & County Representatives, and Federal Government Representatives

General Meeting

Mr. Ramsey called the meeting to order. The minutes from the August 2002 Board Meeting were approved.

Ms. Jeanie Carter, DOAV, presented the aviation safety report. She reported that four accidents had occurred in August 2002, four in September 2002, and none in October 2002. Ms. Carter talked about various safety-related events coming up in the next several months.

Mr. Terry Page, FAA, reported on the new federal year. He discussed deadlines for financial reports; grant reimbursement requests; audits by the Office of Management and Budget; enplanements for calendar year 2001; FY 2002 AIP grants; the FY-2003 AIP program; and the FY-2004 AIP program. (See attached) The ACIP 2004 Program should be in place by June 1, 2003.

Mr. Charles Macfarlane, DOAV, discussed a letter from Secretary Clement to Ken Thornson, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Taxation, concerning the collection of the Aircraft Sales and Use Tax and DOAV's interdepartmental relationship. (See attached). He also discussed the State's withdrawal from the Aviation World's Fair. He mentioned that funding for Phase IV the temporary infrastructure, was not awarded. He also mentioned that when all amendments and grants are executed, total expenditures are \$12,509,079.00, leaving a total of \$3.4 million in uncommitted funds for the Newport News International Airport infrastructure. The completion of this project is planned around January or

February of 2003. DOAV's position on the \$3.4 million, is to use the funds to pay down the debt; provide a sinking fund to pay the principal and interest; de-finance the bonds; or buy the bonds back in the secondary market when or if they are offered for sale. Ideally, DOAV would like to see the money used to reduce the debt incurred for the purpose of this event, and would like to see the funds set aside to pay down the debt. A resolution was approved by the Board to use the \$3.4 million to pay the debt service.

He discussed the possible use of the Wright Flyer sometime next year at Langley or Oceana. The Department will pay \$150,000 toward that effort.

He mentioned that he had attended his first Washington Airports Task Force Board of Directors meeting, the annual NASAO conference, and that he is also on the Board of Directors of the Virginia Resources Authority.

Mr. Macfarlane, Mr. Bland, and Mr. Burnette attended the Commonwealth Transportation Conference last week at VMI. Aviation capital improvement funds come from its 2.4% share of the transportation trust fund.

Mr. Bill Kehoe, Virginia Aviation Board member, announced that a meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2002, at the Lynchburg Airport for all airports in Region 5.

Mr. Cliff Burnett, DOAV, presented the language revisions for the General Aviation Airport Volunteer Security Certification Program Project Eligibility proposal. The Board voted to approve the proposal. (See attached)

Mr. Ralph Davis, Deputy Secretary of Transportation, presented a program on the Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Plan. (See attached)

Mr. Bland, DOAV, mentioned that no funds would be allocated per direction from the Administration.

Mr. Jon Mathiason, Richmond International Airport; Mr. Mark Courtney, Lynchburg Regional Airport; and Mr. Steve Calabro, Chesterfield County Airport, expressed their concerns about the hardships their airports were experiencing because of the State's budget problems.

In keeping with the loan agreement between the Virginia Aviation Board and the Virginia Resources Authority, Mr. Bland recommended that the Board allocate the entire debt service for this year in the amount of \$540,297.62. The Board approved this recommendation, with payments to be made in semi-annual installments in December and June.

Mr. Ramsey called for Board member reports.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

ATTACHMENTS